

EASTERN CAPITAL WILLING TO COME

COLONEL PAUL WAPLES FINDS THAT
FINANCIERS ARE LOOKING
THIS WAY.

Want the Square Deal—New York Investors
Ask Only For Fair Treatment and
Not For Favoritism.

That New York capital is anxious for Texas investments and that New York capitalists want protection, not favoritism, under the Texas laws, is announced by Col. Paul Waples, prominent business man and city builder of Fort Worth, who has just returned from a trip to the North and East.

Col. Waples says furthermore that money conditions have finally righted themselves again. Wealth, which was hoarded up during the panic, is once more looking for reasonable investments over the land. Confidence, bordering on extreme optimism, has returned in money centers, states Col. Waples.

Almost as a unit the capitalists are watching Texas above every other section of the country, discovered the Fort Worth man on his trip. This state to them is apparently the best field for investments in all the world.

"What is the present financial tone in New York?" Col. Waples was asked yesterday.

"Extremely strong," he replied, "and very encouraging, indeed. About eighteen months ago it was that the first rumblings of the recent panic were heard in New York. But not until six or eight months had elapsed did the storm reach its climax in the financial market. From New York the panic spread over the entire country, reaching the Southwest and the Northwest last and doing less damage here than elsewhere.

But all of the panicky symptoms have disappeared so I noted on my trip. Everything is on the upgrade again; prosperity is returning and capital is beginning to loosen up and seek suitable investments. The capitalists have money, are willing to invest it and it's only a question of fields with them."

"What do the New Yorkers think of Texas?"

"The Texan who stays at home all the time would be surprised to know how interested the northerners and easterners are in this state. In New York, particularly, I observed this universal interest in Texas among the men of means, that is to say, among the men who are in a position to help develop Texas. I can't even estimate the number of questions I was asked about my state. Every fellow with a little money to invest was interested. He wanted to know about the climate, the various cities, the resources and especially about the laws. Everything with the earmarks of Texas about it immediately attracts attention. The legislators might be surprised to know how much they are watched abroad, too."

"Texas is regarded in New York very highly. New Yorkers want to see Texas grow and are ready to help Texas grow. I think I am right when I say the eastern and northern capitalists see better opportunities here for everybody than anywhere else. In fact, they told me Texas looks better than any of the fields."

"And with all this interest in Texas and with all this optimism about Texas eastern capital is not looking for favor here. It wants protection. Protective laws upon the statute books of the state will be the only condition upon which these capitalists will turn their money loose here."

"The fewer and better laws' slogan has reached the ears of the New Yorkers, and they say that it has a true ring to it. This movement, which is becoming so strong over the state, is doing more to advertise Texas, where Texas needs advertising than anything else."

"There is enough money seeking investment now to make Texas the empire state of the union. The capitalists are not exclusively railroad builders, and they are not exclusively factory builders. They have money to put into anything that makes a country grow and that makes a country prosperous. I saw men who wanted to extend old railroads to Texas, to construct new railroads, to put in interurbans, to start factories, to develop uncultivated farm lands, to sink oil wells, to settle colonists, in fact to turn the resources of Texas into wealth and prosperity. Indirectly all these men would be building towns and cities, as well as doing all of these other things."

"The necessary protection is all the encouragement required to bring these men to Texas. If the state offers this protection in the laws, they will come at once in large numbers."

"Eastern capitalists are pleased with the efforts now being made to secure safe and sane legislation, fewer laws and better laws and proper protection. They consider this activity a step in the right direction and an evidence of the state's future course. They are now waiting for further evidence of our good will."—Fort Worth Record.

MUST SWEAR SOME MORE.

Department Rules That County Judge, Assessor and Commissioners Must Take Additional Oath.

There is a law on the Statutes of the state of Texas that every officer shall take out a commission from the state before that officer can draw from his county or state any of the fees to which he is entitled according to the fee laws of the state.

When the officers who were elected at the last November election sent down their \$1.00 for this certificate with the request that the commission issue to them respectfully, a rather peculiar order was returned to this county relative to the County Judge, the Tax Assessor and the County Commissioners. The last legislature passed a law relative to the "full rendition" in which it was required of the tax assessor that "before" proceeding with the assessment of the taxes for any year he and his deputies must take a certain oath which was set forth in the law by which the tax assessor and his deputy must swear by all that is good and holy and then some more that they will assess the true value of the property rendered. There was also stipulated that the County Judge and the commissioners "before" they sat as a board of equalization should likewise swear by the great horned spoon and something stronger that they would not allow any property to be assessed at less than its actual value. In neither of the provisions is it stated that this oath shall be a pre-requisite to the issuance of the commission as an officer but it is provided that no tax list shall be approved unless it is clearly shown that all these officers have taken the required oath "before" the tax list was approved by them and sent to the State department.

Now comes the "powers that be" and required the officers of this county to take this oath before the state will issue the commission. There is nothing in the entire statutes which demands or requires either of these officers to take this oath until "before" entering upon their respective work. It has nothing to do with their other duties than that of tax assessment.

The operation of the full rendition law during the past year has been a "fake." The various officers in this county took the oath and worked manfully upon the proper rendition and it is a matter of record that lands in adjoining counties of the same relative qualities and of practically the same distance from markets have been rendered in these other counties at from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per acre than in Randall county. In fact there is one single section of land which lies in four counties, one of which is Randall and upon this section there are four separate and distinct valuations running from \$3.00 to 12.00 per acre and the land is all alike.

It appears that there is something wrong in our method of taxation. Take for instance in this county. One man owning a section along the line renders his land at \$10.00 per acre. His neighbor just across the line renders his at \$7.00. The state rate is the same in both counties therefore the man who renders his land in this county at \$10.00 per acre pays about 43 per cent more of the state taxes than does the adjoining county man.

But we are getting off the subject. We cannot see how the "powers that be" can find any reason whatever for withholding the commissions of our county officers. As far as we have heard there has not been such a demand made upon any other county. It is not required under any law. The "full rendition" affidavit has to be taken only when considering tax questions

until then and in that case it has to be taken each year when the taxes are assessed.

Randall county lands are rendered at a reasonable price when the value of them is considered, but Randall county citizens want justice in the matter. It seems to this writer that the state and county taxes should be separated and the matter could be justly dealt with under such circumstances.—Contributed.

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M. S. LUSBY.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$300,219.74	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Bonds & Premiums	154,746.65	Surplus and Profits	47,203.08
Real Estate and Fixtures	17,396.97	Circulation	100,000.00
Demand Loans	\$45,000.00	Deposits	350,584.37
Cash	79,824.99		
	124,824.99		
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